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REPLACEMENT REMARKS SECTION

In the Office Action dated October 29, 2008, the Examiner indicated that dependent claims 60, 61, 65, 66, 69, 85 and 87 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. All other claims stand rejected. By the foregoing amendments, Applicants are amending the claims as follows:

- Independent claim 56 is being amended to add all of the limitations of objected-to dependent claim 65, which is being canceled.
- Objected-to dependent claim 60 is being rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 56 and intervening claim 59.
- Objected-to dependent claim 66 is being rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 56.
- Objected-to dependent claim 69 is being rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 56.
- Independent claim 81 is being amended to add all of the limitations of objected-to dependent claim 85, which is being canceled.
- Objected-to dependent claim 87 is being rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 81.
- Dependent claim 84 is being amended to address the rejection under section 101.
- Dependent claims 59 and 72, which were rejected under section 101, and dependent claim 62, which was previously withdrawn, are being canceled.
- New dependent claims 88-92 are being added. *These new dependent claims are patentable over the applied references at least because: (1) each new dependent claim requires all of the elements of the respective independent claim (no. 81 or 87) from which it depends, and (2) independent claims 81 and 87 are directed to subject matter found allowable over the cited art in the Office Action dated October 29, 2008.*

No new matter is being added. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter, and any other subject matter supported by the application's disclosure, in the future.

The foregoing amendments render moot all bases for rejection set forth in the Office Action. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for

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allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at his direct dial number listed below.

Please charge any additional fees that are due, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account 11-1410.

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